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## **CHAFEE LAUDS BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION DECISION**

*Commission votes to keep Submarine Base in Groton, CT*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today lauded the decision by the Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) to keep open Sub Base New London, located in Groton, Connecticut. Senator Chafee was pleased to work with Governor Carcieri and members of the Rhode Island delegation, as well as the BRAC commission and the secretary of the Navy during this process. Following consideration by the Commission, the list of bases will go to the President and Congress for approval.

“The decision by the Base Closure and Realignment Commission to keep open Sub Base New London will have very a positive impact on the jobs and industry in Rhode Island as well as the rest of New England,” Senator Chafee said. “The close interaction between Rhode Island’s private companies and naval facilities with Sub Base New London brings economic benefits to both states, in addition to the benefits to our country’s naval forces.”

“I am pleased that collaborative efforts with my colleagues from Connecticut and Rhode Island have convinced the Commission of the need to preserve this vital institution,” Chafee continued.

Senator Chafee has worked with Secretary of Defense Don Rumsfeld, Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, acting Deputy Secretary of Defense (and Secretary of the Navy) Gordon England, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for acquisition John Young, Principal Deputy Assistant Navy Secretary for Facilities and Installations Wayne Army, and Admiral Szemborski, the Principal Deputy Director for program Analysis and Evaluation, among others, on behalf of Rhode Island and Connecticut’s defense installations.

Senator Chafee also testified with at the regional hearing held in Boston, Massachusetts on July 6, 2005.

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